

The CHOSEN

SEASON 2 EPISODE 7 - RECKONING

We all have certain reckonings in our life, times when we have to admit to the truth and face the facts. There are things we tried to avoid, but some things are inevitable. For Jesus the division and conflict he brings is something that is inevitable. He comes to bring peace, but this world is filled with sin and is against him. This includes ourselves, as our sinful nature and human ways are often contrary to God and his ways. In this episode we see how Jesus brings conflict and division in different ways, among the Romans, the Pharisees and even among the disciples. Jesus knows that there are reckonings ahead in his ministry and he tries to prepare his disciples for what they will face.

Scripture

Matthew 6: 5-15 (the Lord's prayer)

Matthew 4: 12-17 (Jesus preaches after John's imprisonment)

Matthew 10:24-39 (Jesus brings peace and division)

The Chosen Context - What happened last episode?

What about the miracles that Jesus has performed has made the religious leaders so upset?

Main Characters - For each main character write things you learn about them: their past, current situation, struggles, personality. **Scenes and questions to consider can be found on pages 2-3. Additional questions can be found on page 4.**

Atticus -

Quintus -

Andrew -

Simon -

Simon (the Zealot) -

Shmuel -

Yanni -

Yussif -

James -

John -

Matthew -

Mother Mary -

Mary -

I. Divisions growing

1. Why is Simon on edge? What happened recently?

II. Preparations

2. Take note of how the disciples obey Jesus and his commands in this episode. Why is this?

3. What is Jesus preparing for? What is he stressing about it?

III. Investigations

4. What are the Pharisees investigating? Who are they searching for?

5. Why does it seem like the Romans are searching for Jesus?

IV. Divisions

6. Simon explains some of the reasons he is on edge. What are some of them?

7. How does Jesus react to being detained? How do the disciples react?

8. What does Jesus tell his disciples before he leaves? What do they do?

9. How do Simon and Andrew find? What are they doing and why? How does Simon react? Why?

V. Flesh and Bones

10. What different events involving Jesus have caught Quintus's attention? How does he feel about Jesus?

11. How does Jesus act when questioned by "the authorities?"

VI. News is Spreading

12. Who do the Pharisees meet during their investigation?

13. What does the Ethiopian say about why she is sharing about Jesus?

14. What was Jesus doing before he returned? What does he teach them upon his return?

More Questions for Episode 7

1. Which groups and people are tracking down Jesus and why?
2. After the Romans take Jesus away, the disciples very quickly devolve into bickering with one another and making rude comments. What do you think they were feeling that made them act that way?
3. When you feel under pressure, do you ever find yourself fighting with others and making rude comments more easily?
4. What do you think a good response in such a high pressure situation would look like? What did Jesus teach the disciples to do at the end of the episode?
5. If you had been preparing something with Jesus and He was arrested- which disciple or Pharisee do you think you would have responded like?
6. What was significant about Andrew and Philip's encounter in the marketplace?
7. How do you tend to pray and do you think of it as a significant practice?
8. Andrew was really struggling this episode. Could anyone connect with some of the ways that he was reacting to the detaining of Jesus?
9. Later Andrew tries to stop the friend of the paralytic from sharing her testimony about Jesus with others. Why? Who do you think was right, Andrew or the woman?
10. What did you think about the encounter between Jesus and Quintus? What did you notice about how Jesus responded?